

DELAWARE STATE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Thomas J. Cooper, Chairman
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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Founded in 1837 as the Wilmington Board of Trade, the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce has a long history as the largest, most influential business organization in the state.

Our mission is to promote an economic climate that strengthens the competitiveness of Delaware businesses and benefits citizens of the state. We are the primary resource on matters affecting companies of all sizes, and are the leading advocate for business with government in Delaware.

Economic development in our state is inextricably linked to having a strong infrastructure. Successful economic development efforts can only succeed if the required transportation, water/wastewater and telecommunications infrastructure is in place. In short, the proper investment in wireless infrastructure will foster economic growth.

A strong, high-tech infrastructure, in particular, is the reason I write today. Strong broadband networks—both fixed and wireless—are important to our organization and to the members we serve. It is important whether they're international corporations or small, home-grown enterprises, urban or rural. More than ever before, they all rely on wireless, mobile technology to stay in touch with customers and employees; develop and deliver new product lines; and complete deals. With this volume of individuals and businesses relying on these mobile connections, the telecommunications providers in our state have seen explosive growth in the amounts of data traveling on their networks, with the resulting congestion of the network.

The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will help alleviate this congestion. Thus, it will help expedite the expansion and availability of 4G networks from Wilmington to our world-class beaches to our more rural inland communities. As a result, the merger will help our businesses thrive and our state stay strong. In short, your prompt approval of this transaction is important to the continued competitiveness of the First State.

Sincerely,



James A. Wolfe

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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell